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To:	Simmons, Denise
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Dear Councilor Simmons,
I'm writing to ask you to support the resolution to end Cambridge's contract with HP. My concerns, which I will present at council meeting, are primarily related to HP's role in developing and implementing the tools of a surveillance state. However, since I know that councilors are meeting with opposing organizations, I'd like to say here why I have come to support this boycott.

I am Jewish, so let's get that out of the way.

To the claim of being anti-semitic, this boycott does target malicious Israeli policies that deny people their human rights and facilitate war crimes. I liken it to boycotting Monsanto for creating Agent Orange, which many during Vietnam thought an "anti-American" thing to do. I think such a boycott is actually patriotic.

To the claim of cherry-picking HP when there are other "bad" corporations. We didn't ask Cesar Chavez why he focused on a grape boycott, neglecting strawberries, tobacco, or tomatoes. HP is the target because it is at the center of several surveillance-related, anti-civil liberty activities that need to end.

This campaign is about the uses of surveillance to sort, track, and deny people their rights. Please stand up for the values that Cambridge represents and support this resolution, and reject the distractions.

Many thanks,
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